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Dear Dr. Trabert:

Thank you for your letter of August 31, 1977, concerning Anatoliy Shcharanskiy.

We share your concern for Mr. Shcharanskiy. He remains in detention in Moscow, but to our knowledge he has not been formally charged by the Soviet authorities. Secretary Vance informed the Soviet Government of our concern for Mr. Shcharanskiy soon after Mr. Shcharanskiy was put in detention, and President Carter publicly stated on June 13 that the allegations in the Soviet press that Mr. Shcharanskiy had a connection with the CIA are untrue.

I can assure you that we will continue to do all we can on behalf of Mr. Shcharanskiy and other Soviet Jews seeking to emigrate.

Sincerely,

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